

REMARKS

The Examiner objected to claims 1-55.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-54 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-54 under 35 U.S.C. §101.

In a telephonic interview between the Examiner and Applicants' representative held on 06/28/2006, agreement was reached on claim amendments to overcome the aforementioned claim objections, as well as the claim rejections based on 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph and 35 U.S.C. §101. The amendment of the claims herein reflects the aforementioned agreement on claim amendments reached in said telephonic interview.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 17-21, 28-31 and 55 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Yin *et al.* (hereinafter "Yin") US patent application Publication No. 2002/0091539. Applicants respectfully contend, however, that the rejection of claims 1-4, 17-21, 28-31 and 55 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is moot, because claims 1-4, 17-21, 28-31 and 55 have been canceled.

CONCLUSION

Based on the preceding arguments, Applicants respectfully believe that all pending claims and the entire application meet the acceptance criteria for allowance and therefore request favorable action. If the Examiner believes that anything further would be helpful to place the application in better condition for allowance, Applicants invites the Examiner to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below. The Director is hereby authorized to charge and/or credit Deposit Account 09-0457.

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